

SUGAR SHORTAGE LAID TO HOOVER

Spreekels Says Food Chief
Forced the Refiners to
Stop Importations

SUPPLY PLENTIFUL,
HE TELLS CONGRESS

Counting in Java, There Is
Even a Good Sur-
plus

Washington, Dec. 15.—Declaring that there is no shortage of sugar in the United States and that the famine is local to the Atlantic seaboard, President Spreekels of the Federal Sugar Refining company testifying at the Senate committee's investigation, placed the responsibility on the food administration.

Sugar, he declared, was now passing through New York for Canada because of higher prices.

The sugar going through New York, Spreekels said, was raw, and the Canadian refiners paid a higher price.

"We entered into an agreement with the food administration to pay a certain price for raw sugar," said Spreekels. "We adhered to that agreement and the product normally imported into this country went abroad because better prices could be obtained."

"We were forced to close our refineries for lack of supplies."

"If you could pay a higher price now could you open your refineries?" Senator Reed asked.

"Not at once. Much of the supply has gone abroad and it would take time to get the raw product here."

**HOUSE PASSES POSTAL
BILL; NO TUBE MONEY**

Measure Carrying \$333,000,000 Goes to Senate with No Provision for Pneumatic Service.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The postoffice appropriation bill aggregating \$333,000,000, including \$120,000 for the purchase of foreign mails, and without any appropriation for pneumatic tube service in New York, Boston or elsewhere, was passed yesterday by the House. It now goes to the Senate.

CELEBRATION IN JAPAN

By Japanese Christians of Martin Luther's Protest.

Tokio, Dec. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Japanese Christians of the various Protestant bodies celebrated the 400th anniversary of the day on which Martin Luther nailed his theses to the church door in Wittenburg by protesting against the government's policy of compelling participation in Shinto rites. The day being also the emperor's official birthday gave a natural opportunity to express first of all the patriotic and faithful devotion of the Christian body to the imperial house. A declaration read by Rev. Danji Ebana, who represents the extreme radical wing of the Congregationalists, contained one article reading:

"Freedom of religious belief is guaranteed to us by the constitution of our empire. We should exert ourselves in order to bring about a perfect realization of our rights under this provision. Consequently, the performances and events connected recently with shrines and the national education, the many practices carried on in towns and villages, all of which are more or less coercive in nature, must be viewed as infringements of the freedom of religious belief. We believe it to be the duty of the public-spirited men of our empire to correct these evils and to seek to bring about a more perfect realization of right and justice."

This action on the part of Protestant Christians in Japan has been precipitated by the transference of the government's department of religion from the home department to the department of education. It has always been a matter of debate as to whether the Shinto cult is a religion or not; but many of its ceremonies have a distinctively religious character and such the enforcement of them in schools and at patriotic ceremonies is felt by Christians to be an infringement of religious liberty.

13,000 ENLIST IN ARMY.

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WHY GURKO WAS EXILED.

Because He Spoke of "God's Anointed" in Russia.

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—The letter to the former Emperor Nicholas of Russia, which led to the exiling of General Gurko, formerly commander of the Russian southwestern front, has just been published here. Its chief offense lay in the fact that General Gurko expressed the belief that Russia, after a trial of the evils of democracy, will "once more turn towards its lawful monarch and God's anointed."

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**THE DEFENSE IN
VARNEY CASE SPRINGS
SURPRISE EVIDENCE**

Police Inspector Identifies as Buyer of Death Gun Employee of the Keyes Realty Co.

Boston, Dec. 15.—A sensational climax was reached in the Harriet Varney murder trial yesterday when Walter A. Smith, a Boston police inspector, identified Harold Jackson, an employee of Keyes International Realty company, as the purchaser of the revolver with which Mrs. Pauline B. Keyes was shot to death on June 19.

Jackson was one of the Keyes alibi witnesses, having been employed in the realty company office on the date of the tragedy.

The identification was dramatic in the extreme. The revolver, number 78259, was first identified positively by Maurice Somnabend, a pawnbroker of No. 401 Columbus avenue, as a weapon that he had sold on April 4, 1916, to a man giving him the name as "Hayden Young."

Inspector Smith, it developed in his later testimony, was present during the sale. He saw a man enter and ask to be shown a weapon. He was present also during the haggling over the price and saw "Hayden Young" take the Smith & Wesson gun and depart from the store.

Sydney Balkan, a clerk in the Somnabend pawnshop, was also a witness. He recorded the sale of the weapon, in 1916, and faced Jackson when he was brought into court yesterday.

The identification of Jackson as "Hayden Young" was made positively by Inspector Smith. Balkan was not so sure, but declared that there was a strong resemblance between the man in court and the man who purchased the death weapon on the April date.

It developed during the examination of the witness, that the state had been making a desperate effort to locate "Hayden Young." Inspector H. A. Rutherford of the Brookline police went to the home of Clerk Balkan during his investigation, but it was found impossible at that time to trace the purchaser of the revolver with the fatal murder.

"Hayden Young" at the time of the purchase gave his address as No. 512 Massachusetts avenue and his occupation as a telephone lineman. Inquiry, however, failed to develop any trace of him at that address.

Harold Jackson, who was so dramatically identified, was the employee of the International Realty company who testified as to the date and hour of Keyes' arrival at his office on the morning of the murder.

The sensational incident of the identification of the revolver came at the end of a day of thrills which began with the cross-examination of the defendant by the district attorney.

The prosecution had produced a Providence, R. I., second hand dealer, who testified he had sold a revolver like the one with which the shooting was done, to Miss Varney.

ENGLAND MORE SOBER.

Convictions for Drunkenness Lowest for Nearly Half Century.

London, Dec. 15.—England has become more sober during the war according to official returns. The convictions for drunkenness last year were the lowest recorded for nearly fifty years at 84,191 against 135,828 in 1915.

The number of insane persons under care in January in England and Wales were 135,029, a decrease of 3159. These figures are also the lowest for fifty years.

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**SPAULDING QUINTET
STARTS OFF WELL**

Defeated Combination Five at Spaulding Gymnasium Last Evening By the Score of 68 to 35.

The curtain on the basketball season rose last evening at the Spaulding gymnasium, when the Spaulding quintet defeated the Combination Five team by the score of 68 to 35. Although the game was very one-sided, as the result shows, there were few minutes in which the finer art of the game was not displayed to a good advantage, and in which scoring was brisk on both sides.

Somewhat strengthened this season by two of the most promising of the Goddard seminary quintet in Carroll and Kopf, the passing and team work of the Combination Five team was yet badly lacking owing principally to the lack of practice. The game on their side was mostly of individual work, in which personal glory was sought after more than good team work.

The playing of Carroll and Kopf featured, for several times baskets were made by these two hilltop players from difficult angles.

The Spaulding team has been practicing daily during the past two weeks under the guidance of James Kneufel, a former blue and red athlete, and who refereed in many of the interscholastic contests of last season, and his handling of the team was reflected in a remarkable manner by their showing last evening. All of the members of the Spaulding team were given a chance in last evening's contest, all the players of the second string team being on the floor during the greater part of the last period.

The contest developed several players of promising calibre, who should ably represent the Spaulding quintet next season.

"Doc" Mann, the star forward of last season's team, commenced the scoring only a few minutes after the ball had been put in play and the remainder of the period was passed with the score seeing, the end of the period coming with the score 18 to 11. During the second period the Spaulding team displayed a fine exhibition of passing, and the score at the end of the period was 44 to 25. During the last period the second string players were used almost all the period and they managed to increase the lead to a great extent.

Capt. Geals of the winning quintet was the high scorer of his team, succeeding in caging nine baskets, while Mann followed him with six baskets. Carroll was the high scorer of the losers, he also caging nine baskets, while Kopf and Halsall managed to cage six baskets each. The score:

S. H. S. C. F.
Mann, McHardy, Ross, Glass
Lyon, Carpenter, Carroll
Geals, Young, Beck, Morse, Halsall
Wilkin, Murphy, Ball, Blumhardt, Kopf

Score, Spaulding 68, Combination Five 35; goals from floor, Carpenter 5, Lyon 3, Mann 6, Young 2, Geals 9, Wilkin, Morse, McHardy 4, Carroll 9, Halsall 4, Kopf 4; goals from fouls, Mann 2, Kopf; referee, Carroll; time, Stewart; time, two 15- and one 10-minute periods.

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IMO'S HELMSMAN AR- RESTED AS SUSPECT- ED GERMAN SPY

John Johansen Seized at Halifax After Offer of Bribe Is Bared by Quick-Witted American Nurse.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15.—John Johansen, helmsman on the Norwegian steamer Imo, the Belgian relief ship whose collision with the ammunition steamer Mont Blanc led to the disaster of last Thursday, was detained as a German spy suspect yesterday. He was turned over to the military authorities by officials of the Massachusetts relief hospital, where he had been under treatment.

One of the nurses at the hospital, a young woman from New York, whose name was not revealed, is said to have called the attention of the hospital staff to Johansen yesterday. She had noticed that the patient was acting queerly and that he did not seem to be wounded. Her report on the case led to a second examination of the patient by physicians, and the conclusion was reached that the man was shamming illness.

A watch was set over him, and later it was said that Johansen was making desperate efforts to leave the institution. Surgeons reported that he had offered a nurse \$50 if she would go out and buy him a newspaper, the assumption being that he had in mind an attempt of escape in her absence.

After that incident a military guard was placed on duty by his bed, and later when the incident was called to the attention of Capt. Henry G. Lapham of the Massachusetts state guard unit, the provost guard was sent for and Johansen was locked up.

In connection with the arrest the liveliest lot of spy rumors heard since the war began were spread broadcast. These culminated in a report that eight Germans had been shot at sunrise. Military and naval authorities, while acknowledging that the Johansen case was being thoroughly investigated, declared that the shooting story was absurd.

Another persistent story was that a secret code in German had been found on Johansen, and that a wireless station had been unearthed in the district destroyed by fire after the explosion.

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